

Holy Family School

FEBRUARY - *Kindness Month*- NEWSLETTER



It has been wonderful to feel the enthusiasm and see our community come together. Our First Annual Family Winter Wonderland Dance was a huge success. Thank you to all of the families who attended and the volunteers who helped to ensure this event was successful. The month of February brings kindness. Our counselling team, along with classroom teachers, will be talking about what kindness looks like, feels like and sounds like. We are looking forward to Random Acts of Kindness happening in our school the week of February 14th. Holy Family School has 3 simple rules that we all strive to live by and are rooted in kindness.

BE KIND, BE HELPFUL, BE RESPECTFUL

Kindergarten - **Registration is open (2023-2024)**

Registration is now open for the upcoming school year for all children who will be turning 5 years old in 2023. We will be offering Full Day Kindergarten:

- **Option 1:** Monday & Wednesdays with scheduled Fridays
- **Option 2:** Tuesday & Thursdays with scheduled Fridays

Submit your completed registration online on January 9th at [Kindergarten Link](#)

Lenten Season - **Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday**

The Lenten season will be upon us shortly. Lent is one of the five seasons of the Catholic liturgical calendar, along with Advent, Christmas, Easter and Ordinary Time. Lent is the time prior to Easter and is a solemn period centered on prayer, fasting and almsgiving. This is the perfect time for us to reconnect with or deepen our faith. We can draw closer to God as we prepare for the joyous celebration of Christ's resurrection at Easter. We will have a Lent Mass @ St. Mary's Church on March 2nd being led by Mrs. Willms grade 4 class.

This year there is no school on Shrove Tuesday or Ash Wednesday. Shrove Tuesday is the day prior to Lent (Ash Wednesday) and traditionally is spent eating pancakes. As there is no school on that day our School Council will recognize it on Thursday, February 16th by preparing and serving pancakes and sausages to all students and staff.

Student Drop-Off & Pick-Up - URGENT & IMPORTANT

Our student safety is our top priority, and **we need your help** in this during our student drop-off and pick-up times. Please review the following rules for these busy times, be sure to share with others that are transporting your child. Red Deer Bylaw Enforcement has also been contacted, supporting us in enforcing these rules.

1. Keep CROSSWALKS and the AREAS AROUND CROSSWALKS clear.

See the map for crosswalks and the no-parking zones around them.

2. Please DO NOT walk through the PARKING LOTS.

Even if you accompany your child(ren), we ask that you use the sidewalk.

3. Please DO NOT do a U-TURN on the roads around the school.

It's not safe with so many other vehicles on the road.

4. Please do not park at any time in the fire lane or the handicapped parking stalls.

Even if you are just dropping off, we ask that you do not park here

The LOOP: The loop in front of the school has parking on one side only. There can be no parking on the west side of this section. There are signs that indicate NO stopping along the fence. To avoid having to find a parking stall, pull through the loop and stop at the STOP sign and your child/ren can safely depart the vehicle and use the crosswalk in front of you.

Thank you for your support in helping keep our students, your children safe!

Pink Shirt Day - Awareness

Pink Shirt Day is an annual observation that takes place on the last Wednesday of February. As the last day this year is February 22nd and there is no school on this day we will recognize it on Wednesday, February 15th this year. The aim is to raise awareness among our community about the prevention of bullying. Staff and students are invited to wear pink shirts on this day and our counselling team will share resources for teachers to use in their classrooms.

School Council - Let's cook some PANCAKES!

Our School Council Meeting is next week

- Thursday, February 9th @ 7:00 PM (Virtual Meeting)
- Click [HERE](#) and sign up for the meeting if you are able to attend HFS School Council Meeting

The School Council was appreciative of all the parents who willingly supported the family dance.

THANK YOU!

Pancakes: Our next event that we need help with is Shrove Tuesday being recognized on Thursday, February 16th. Many hands are needed to ensure the success of this event. We need help with preparing the batter, cooks and servers...this is always a lot of FUN at Holy Family for students, staff and for parent volunteers.

Holy Family Swag: The School Council has been working with a supplier and will be forwarding details to you on how to order items online. We are anticipating the online store will open in the coming weeks. Stay Tuned

Looking Ahead - School-Wide Events & Activities

*** remember to check your child's classroom-specific communication in Schoology for upcoming activities**

Wednesday, February 1st

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Thursday, February 2nd

Thursday, February 2nd

Friday, February 3rd

Friday, February 3rd

Friday, February 3rd

Monday, February 6th

Tuesday, February 7th

Wednesday, February 8th

Thursday, February 9th

Friday, February 10th

Friday, February 10th

Week of February 13th

Tuesday, February 14th

Tuesday, February 14th

Wednesday, February 15th

Thursday, February 16th

Friday, February 17th

Friday, February 17th

Week of February 20th

Winter Walk Day - walk to school if you can

Grade 5 Basketball Games (Girls @ Maryview / Boys @ HFS)

Groundhog Day

Emergency Drill: practice On Alert and Shelter in Place

Monday/Wednesday Kindergarten IN

Hot Lunch: Taco Time

1W Performs to their parents The Mitten

Grade 4 & 5 student choir practice

Grade 5 Basketball Game BOYS @ HFS

Grade 5 Basketball Game GIRLS @ HFS

School Council Meeting

Tuesday/Thursday Kindergarten IN

Hot Lunch: OPA!

Kindness Week

Valentine's Day - wear red or pink or hearts

100th Day of School

Pink Shirt Day

Pancakes

Monday/Wednesday Kindergarten IN

Hot Lunch: Fresh Slice

Family Day and Winter Break - no school for students this week

Thank you for your support and we are so grateful to work together with you. As always, please do not hesitate to reach out to us if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours in Christ,

Mrs. Rori-Lynn Daniel - Principal

Mrs. Stacey Martz - Vice Principal

Inspired by Christ on a Journey to Encounter, Nurture and Serve.